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#### Success of Ingenious Thief.

A New York detective asserts that if one wants anything it can be obtained by asking for it. As an instance he cites a happening at the Casino theater. The ticket seller was resting during a lull in business, when a rough-looking fellow stuck his head in at the window. "I've come for the clock," he said. "Well," snapped the ticket man, "you don't expect me to come out and take it down for you, do you?" "Fresh, ain't yer?" responded the fellow, and turned away. He put up a ladder and took down the clock, a valuable timepiece, and walked away with it. He hasn't returned.

#### Presidents Who Were Soldiers.

The following presidents served in war: George Washington, revolutionary; James Monroe, revolutionary; Andrew Jackson, revolutionary; 1812; Franklin Pierce, Mexican; William Henry Harrison, 1812; John Tyler, 1812; Zachary Taylor, 1812 and Mexican; Abraham Lincoln, Black Hawk; Andrew Johnson, civil war; James A. Garfield, civil war; Benjamin Harrison, civil war; William McKinley, civil war; Theodore Roosevelt Spanish war.

#### Grilled Lion Steaks.

An explorer who has often by compulsion eaten the flesh of animals not generally used as human food says that grilled lion steaks are delicious, and much superior to those of the tiger; that the flesh of the rhinoceros, properly prepared, has all the good qualities of pork; that the trunk and feet of young elephants resemble veal; and that stewed boarconstrictor is a splendid substitute for rabbit.

#### Experience Taught Him Belief.

A story regarding a converted cannibal is told in the English papers. A negro clergyman was entertained at tea by the president of a college. The guest, who came from west Africa, retailed some particulars of his early life, when a lady asked him how he became a Christian. "The story of Jezebel converted me," he answered; "you know, we are told the dogs did not touch the palms of her hands. Well, that convinced me of the truth of the narrative, for we never eat the palms of the hands in my country. They are too bitter."

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#### Man's Highest Virtue.

Man's highest virtue is always as much as possible to rule external circumstances, and as little as possible to let himself be ruled by them.—Goethe.

#### Equalization of Railroads.

If the world's railroads were equally distributed over the earth's surface no one would be more than seven miles from some line.

#### To Our Correspondents.

Please send in your matter by Wednesday of each week.

We call the attention of all patriotic race-lovers to the advertisement of the grand 1st of August celebration at Stewart's Park, Kansas City, Kansas, which takes place on Monday, Aug. 1st. A number of superb attractions will be the order of the day; among them is one conducted by the Rising Son, viz: the popular ladies' contest. Get your affairs arranged to attend this celebration and enjoy a day of pleasure and enjoyment.

#### LEXINGTON NEWS.

There was a basket meeting at Mayflower church Sunday. Rev. J. R. Richardson preached, and he preached Monday night at the A. M. E. church to a large congregation. Everybody enjoyed his sermon.

Rev. A. A. Gilbert, Mr. Eugene Conway and Miss Auline Freeman left Wednesday morning to attend the district conference and Sunday school convention.

S. T. Pettigrew, G. M. of the U. B. F.'s and S. M. A.'s was here Tuesday and left Wednesday morning for Sedalia, where the Grand Lodge will meet on the 16th of August.

Mr. A. W. Walker will leave Wednesday morning to attend the Republican State Convention which will be held at St. Joseph, also to meet the Colored State League.

The Lexington Council No. 2 will have a drill on July 26th, at the St. John M. E. church. Admission, 15c single and 25c a couple.

Mrs. Frederick Braxton of Kansas City, who has been visiting Mrs. A. W. Walker for the past week, returned home Sunday evening accompanied by her husband. She has not been here for three years, and every one was glad to see her.

Mrs. Annie Miller and family has moved to Kansas City to make that their future home.

Miss Lottie Hawkins left Tuesday evening for Kansas City.

Misses Maggie and Ruth Johnson spent a week in Higginsville, visiting Mrs. Mary Perry. They returned home Sunday evening.

We should patronize one another, the whites patronize the white papers. The colored people ought to do likewise. If we give an entertainment and expect the colored people to patronize them, they ought to patronize the colored paper, not take their money and spend it with the whites, then ask the colored people to come and help them to make money.

They that expect to live by the public ought to patronize public enterprise. The Rising Son has a large circulation in Lexington and we think it ought to be patronized.

#### BURNS CHAPEL NOTES.

The congregation and friends of the Burns M. E. church seem to be well pleased with their new church home, corner 19th street and Woodland avenue.

The literary is well attended every Tuesday evening. Prof. A. H. Harris is president.

Mrs. John Day, the organist, is a very efficient worker in helping the young people in concerts in the Burns church.

Mrs. J. M. Harris, wife of the pastor, is visiting friends in Warrensburg, Mo., and from there will go to St. Louis.

Mrs. J. E. Cavall, Mrs. J. B. Lewis, Miss Maggie Lang, Miss Mable Washington, entertained Phyllis Wheatley Art Club at the residence of Mrs. Fields, 1327 Vine street. Punch, strawberry ice, cake and candy, was served.

#### NEGROES AT THE WORLD'S FAIR

For the convenience of colored visitors an "Information Bureau" has been established. With it are associated many of the best homes and hotels in St. Louis.

Have your room reserved. Stamp for reply.

H. S. FERGUSON, Mgr., 1923 Market St., St. Louis, Mo. Opposite Union Station.

#### THE GREAT CIVIL RIGHTS CONVENTION AND JUTING AT LEAVENWORTH, KAN.

The largest and greatest gathering of race loving negro men and women from Kansas and Missouri, that has ever been witnessed in the west will assemble at Leavenworth, Kansas, Saturday and Sunday, August 21 and 22.

No man or woman who is interested in the upbuilding of the race should fail to be present at this convention. One and all are invited.

Owing to the indignities which are being constantly imposed upon us, the privileges denied us, the avenues that lead to everything that tends to a higher and nobler state being so tightly closed against us, we must awake from our lethargy if we would enjoy our rights as American citizens, and place ourselves in a position to demand recognition. Hence the calling of this convention, at which we hope to discuss measures by which our efforts, being united, we cannot fail to accomplish much good. Will you not give us your presence, your encouragement, and your active cooperation in this undertaking for the advancement of our people?

In order that all may enjoy the sessions without being uncomfortably housed, the beautiful Korman's park with its picturesque natural scenery, and its wealth of cooling shade, has been selected as the meeting place of this convention. Street car transportation can be had from the station to the gates of the park.

Thus, while we are discussing means for the good of the race, an enjoyable time may be had.

S. T. JONES, MGR.

#### WAIT FOR THE GLORIOUS FOURTH.

The Sons and Daughters of Jerusalem will on August 4th, 1904, give their annual celebration at Kerr's park. It has been our custom, since the organization, for the Sons and Daughters to go to some park, and to mingle with the public, and to fraternize with the order in the two Kansas Cities, and to shake hands with our thousands of friends on these occasions, hence we again ask you to celebrate that day with us. The Hon. Judson W. Lyons, register of the treasury, Washington, D. C., Hon. John C. Dancy, recorder of deeds, Washington, D. C., together with our local home talent, will address you on vital issues of the day.

The management will see to it that good order is preserved and nothing will happen to shock the modesty of the most refined.

#### Confuse the Demons.

The Chinese are convinced that the plague is the work of demons. One way of getting even with them is to advance the date of New Year by several days. This, they aver, confuses the demons, and when they find out how they have been fooled they are ashamed and sink away with their plague.

#### Thought Worth Remembering.

He who makes a flower grow gets some good for himself, and he also gives good to every passer-by who sees its beauty. The gardener is blessed and blessed. Why is not everyone for some portion of his time a gardener.—Canon A. Barnett.

#### Sulphur in Sicily.

The largest producer of sulphur in Sicily. The deposits occur in Miocene limestone, with unaltered beds of gypsum below, and it exported in 1903 475,508 tons, of which nearly one-third was for the United States.

#### Horse vs. Steam Power.

It would require the work of 25,000,000 teams to do the work now done by the railroads.

#### WOMEN AVOID WOMEN DOCTORS

Gentle Sex Prefer Men as Their Medical Advisers.

"We should be only too pleased to give women a chance for employment as medical examiners," said the medical superintendent of a large New York insurance company. "If women would only consent to be examined by women. But they won't. Only a few days ago a woman living in an up-town apartment house sent in her application papers, and over the telephone requested a medical examination the same afternoon, if possible. 'All right,' I answered. 'Dr. Blank shall be up there at 2 o'clock. She is disengaged just now.' 'She, did you say?' asked the woman. 'Yes,' I replied. 'Dr. Blank is a woman; and one of the most capable examiners we have on the staff.' 'Well, I don't want her. I'll wait until you can send me a man,' was the emphatic reply.

"As a matter of fact," continued the superintendent, "we have extreme difficulty in keeping Dr. Blank busy, to say nothing of giving encouragement to other applicants. A position as medical examiner for one of the big insurance companies is considered a good thing by a young man doctor building up a practice, but there is almost no chance for women in that direction."

#### MADE HIS MEANING PLAIN.

No Doubt as to Form of Sinner Minister as Preaching To.

Beginning his sermon one Sunday a muscular Scotch minister said that in every congregation there were generally three kinds of people. Some were very worthy men and women. Others were very middling and might be better than they were, but others were actual devils. He did not intend in this discourse to speak to the first kind, who were already good Christians and not greatly requiring either advice or counsel. The second class would be all the better for some plain speaking, but their case was not so urgent as that of the third class, whom he had spoken of as positive devils. "To them," he said, "I mean to speak." Then, rolling up the right sleeve of his coat, and stretching out his clenched fist in front of him, he said: "Now, you devils!"

#### Example of Russian Honesty.

A few years ago a Russian warship was on special duty in Behring sea, guarding the seal fisheries, preventing the slaughter of the seals during the closed season. The admiral of the station, in the course of an inspection of the vessel, invited any of the sailors who had any complaint to make to step forward. One of the men, as spokesman for the whole crew, complained that the "seed money" promised them had not been paid. On the astonished admiral inquiring what he meant, it came out that the ship's commander had been doing a lucrative trade by killing the seals placed under his protection and sending the skins to London and had taken the crew into partnership. He was duly transferred to Siberia and probably is there still.

#### A Day Dream.

Over yonder, near the shore-line there's a sea-gull slowly flying. Drifting gently on the bosom of the land breeze from the hills. And he sleeps within its fragrance all his senses none denying. Till his brain is strangely heavy, and his beam sweetly thrills.

Over yonder near the shore-line I, in fancy, see the luster. Of the ardent sunshine streaming on the hills serene and brown. And my fragrant heart is resting where the seductive fragrance of a phantom garden wanders. While my body lingers helpless, in the smoke-enriched town.

I've a feverish, wanton longing for a spot I know not yonder. 'Tis a little sun-kissed picture that I paint when world-oppressed. And I dream that I through fragrance of a phantom garden wander. Where, in fancy, I've a cabin and, in fancy, am at rest. —Mabel Forter Pitts in Sunset Magazine.

#### Germany's Fire-Proof Wood.

A successful method of making wood proof against both fire and decay is being introduced in Germany. The cells of the timber are emptied of air in a vacuum and filled with sulphate and borate of ammonia.

#### IN THE FAR NORTH.

Horses Find Sustenance Under Many Feet of Snow.

A recent book on the Klondike country says: "In November, 1898, horses were left to die on the trails and in Dawson. There was neither work nor feed for them. Horses were offered to me for their keep, but I refused. These same horses wandered up in the hills, where the snow was five feet deep. They brushed the snow away with feet and nose, finding luscious whortleberries, blackberries and raspberries in great quantities. The lowest authentic record at the barracks was 57 degrees below zero. Yet in the spring the horses were reclaimed by their owners and looked infinitely better than when turned out to die at the beginning of the winter. This was a lesson as well as a revelation. During the summer of 1899 horses were imported into the Klondike in numbers and 1,200 of them passed the next winter in transporting men and supplies from Dawson to the mines. The dogs were almost entirely superseded and their value—formerly \$150—became merely nominal; for a good horse, after all, could pull a ton over the smooth icy trails—a labor that would require three sleighs and twenty dogs.

#### FOREIGN WARES IN CHINA.

Increasing Demand There for the Products of the West.

The Chinese peasant is no longer content to burn bean oil; he wants kerosene. In scores of humble Laos homes I saw American lamps, costing 20 rupees apiece, and a magistrate proudly showed me a collection of 19 of these shining articles.

The narrow streets of Canton are brilliant with German and American chandeliers, and myriads of private houses throughout the empire are lighted by foreign lamps.

The desire of the Asiatic to possess foreign lamps is equalled only by his passion for foreign clocks. The demand for clocks is insatiable. I counted 27 in the private apartments of the emperor of China and my wife 19 in the bedroom of the empress dowager, while cheaper ones tick to the delighted wonder of myriads of humbler people.—Century.

#### Birth of a Daybreak Pink.

Beneath a hedge-row, dense and green, A modest flower reared its head. With petals white of silvery sheen— No other blossom in the bed.

As on the slender stem it swayed A dainty odor filled the air. And yet the flower was not content, E'er though so fragrant, sweet, and fair.

For just across the garden path Were beams of eager shade and hue! Never brighter, gayest could be found E'er wet by morn or evening dew.

The rare pale flower sadly sighed, "Only to have one little glow Like all the lovely flowers I see Would make me happier, I know."

A fancy sunbeam heard the sigh, And gaily darting through the green, With fiery glance and heated breath, Kissed the pale flower of silver sheen.

The sudden warmth of the caress Gave to the flower of a rosy blush; Transformed, its petals ever bare In bud or bloom a dainty blush.

Content the flower in beauty thrives— No sweeter can be found, I think. We bless the morning sunbeam's kiss That gave to us the daybreak pink. —Washington Post.

#### Siamese Queen a Bicyclist.

The queen of Siam is an ardent cyclist and is attended by Siamese women when taking a ride, thus naturally setting a new fashion to her subjects. The cycling infection has now spread to the adjoining territory of Burmah, for in Akyah a bevy of young Burmese women may be seen taking the air afoot. The Burmese women are the most intelligent and progressive in the East, in some respects even enjoying more liberty than their European sisters; so that it is only natural that they should take the lead in cycling. Mohammedan women in the East wear trousers, so that the "divided skirt" has in this instance preceded the bicycle.

#### Recover Parts of Old Wreck.

Parts of the wreck of the Sirius, the first steam vessel to cross the Atlantic, which was lost off Hallyport, County Cork, in 1817, have just been recovered.

#### Pronunciation Was Poor.

There is an amusing story of Lord John Russell, who once sat, at a large city dinner, next to a civic magnate. The latter took from his pocket a beautiful snuffbox and said: "This was given to my father by the first Napoleon; there is a lion on the top of it." "Surely," said Lord John, "it cannot be a lion, it must be an eagle." "No, no," said the magnate, "it's a lion," pointing as he did so to the "N" on the lid.

#### Yukon's Yield of Gold.

The annual report of the Department of the Interior of the Dominion of Canada for 1903, says: "The gold production in the Yukon Territory for the year ended June 30, 1903, amounted to \$12,113,915.34, as compared with \$9,566,346.52 in the previous year. The value of gold produced there last year, the next best having been in 1899-1900, when the production amounted to \$9,809,164.64."

#### Beautiful Asiatic Lake.

In central Asia, near the Caspian sea, is a lake of beautiful rose color, while the banks are covered with salt crystals as white as snow. From the waters of this lake there arises a flowerlike odor. The color and the odor are supposed to be caused by vegetable matter in the depths.

#### Russian Soldier's Rations.

A Russian soldier's daily rations in the field are two and one-half pounds of bread, or one and three-quarters of biscuit; one pound of meat, and, for making soup, four ounces of barley groats; three-quarters ounce of dried vegetables and three ounces of flour. Also salt, pepper, tea and sugar.

#### Many Rubber Producers.

Most Americans have an idea that rubber is a product like wheat or corn, to be obtained from a given tree. The idea is quite erroneous. It has been estimated that 1,000 different species contain rubber, though commercial quantities have been obtained from only forty or fifty.

#### Goat Milk for Children.

In Paris a Swiss brings a herd of goats in summer and parades through the streets selling the milk, which is beneficial to children. He plays a little air on a mouthorgan, and is always followed by his goats and a crowd of eager little folks.

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#### Wealth in Ireland's Bogs.

Sir Richard Sankey estimates that Ireland bogs contain the equivalent of 5,000,000,000 tons of coal, and he advocates creating power for varied industries by converting the fuel into electricity on the spot.

#### Ribbon for Life Savers.

The ribbon of the French Legion of Honor was recently bestowed by Admiral Duperré on a sailor who, in connection with the lifeboat service, had saved 348 lives in thirty-five years.

#### Cabinet of Labor Men.

Premier Watson, the Australian labor leader, who was called upon to organize a ministry has formed a cabinet in which all but one are members of the labor party.

#### Send Millions to Greece.

The amount of money annually received in Greece from Greek emigrants in the United States is assuming proportions that have attracted the attention of the Greek government, bankers and public Greek officials estimate that over \$1,930,501.93 thus received during 1903.